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Denihan Hospitality Takes #1 on Travelocity's List of Favorite New York City Hotels & Is the Only One to Have Two Properties Ranked

**The Benjamin (#1) & The Surrey (#4) Named Top by more than 8,000 Travelocity Customers
saying "It was truly two nights in heaven!" & "No stone is left unturned"**

NEW YORK (August 3, 2011) – [Denihan Hospitality Group](#), an independent owner and operator of boutique hotels in top U.S. urban markets, is only hotel owner with two properties topping [Travelocity's](#) favorite New York City hotels list, which was compiled in July after Travelocity culled through thousands of traveler reviews to rank the 10 best hotels in the Big Apple. Denihan's The Benjamin was awarded the number-one spot on the list, while The Surrey Hotel ranked fourth.

"We are honored and excited to have not just one, but two hotels top Travelocity's list of best hotels in the city," said Brooke Denihan Barrett, owner and co-chief executive officer of Denihan Hospitality Group. "As a family owned business, our approach to hospitality has long been centered around a positive guest experience, and we are thrilled that customers have recognized this and The Benjamin and The Surrey as their favorite places to stay in New York City."

[The Benjamin](#) is a luxury boutique-styled hotel that offers the elegant residential design of a private city club paired with approachable and anticipatory service. The property is located at the crossroads of culture and commerce in Midtown Manhattan. The Benjamin excels in helping its guests make the most of every New York minute. Travelocity customer reviews for the hotel included noting the excellent location and attentive staff, with one review raving, "It was truly two nights in heaven!" While traveling for business or leisure, guests are ensured a satisfying slumber within The Benjamin's 209 classically elegant suites and guestrooms compliments of its sleep program, which includes a 12-Choice Pillow Menu, dedicated Sleep Concierge, bedtime snacks and executive nap. The hotel is also host to Food Network Chef Geoffrey Zakarian's 125-seat grand cafe, The National. The restaurant has received acclaim from the New York Times and recently was honored with a James Beard Foundation award. The property boasts a Wellness Spa, Executive Suites, which have full in-room office capabilities, and five private event rooms spread across 2,200 square feet.

Located in a gorgeous Beaux-Arts building in the heart of the Upper East Side, [The Surrey Hotel](#) has quietly redefined luxury. Customers have said on Travelocity that "no stone is left unturned" at the hotel. The Surrey features 190 elegantly appointed guest salons and suites, celebrity chef Daniel Boulud's exclusive Café Boulud, and The Spa at The Surrey. An array of thoughtful touches and amenities abound at The Surrey, from the gallery in the lobby featuring works by Jenny Holzer, Claes Oldenburg, South African artist/filmmaker William Kentridge and Chuck Close, to the lushly landscaped rooftop garden open exclusively to hotel guests.

Denihan owns and operates 13 boutique hotels in major U.S. urban markets including New York, Chicago, Miami and Washington, D.C. The portfolio includes properties operated under The James and Affinia Hotels brands, luxury independents such as The Surrey and The Benjamin, which were named on this list, as well as others. Most recently, Denihan has announced the opening of The James New York – SoHo as well as the addition of the Royal Palm Miami to its collection. The privately held company is actively pursuing new opportunities to build its brands and extend its reach in key urban markets nationwide.

About Denihan Hospitality Group

Denihan Hospitality Group is a privately-held, full-service hotel management and development company that owns and operates 13 boutique hotels in major urban markets in the U.S. Over the past 50 years, the Denihan family has built a world-class lodging investment platform within the boutique hotel space, creating value by acquiring, repositioning and managing independent hotels. The Denihan portfolio includes properties operating under The James and Affinia Hotels brands, as well as Manhattan luxury independents, The Surrey and The Benjamin, and affiliates including the Royal Palm in Miami. The company's uniquely guest-centric approach, refined through three generations of Denihan leadership, has made it an industry leader in hospitality, property and restaurant development, as well as hotel operations, management and marketing. More details can be found at www.denihan.com.

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